

HIGH WIND WITH HEAVY RAINFALL

Inch and Half of Water Turned Loose
During Downpour Saturday Evening;
Some Damage is Done to
Crops by Hail

BIG BARTON BROS. GARAGE HARD HIT

Roof and Part of Wall Collapse Under
Weight; Airplane Demolished and
Compress Shed Suffers;
Lightning Strikes Barn

A severe wind, rain and hail swept Chickasha and its immediate vicinity Saturday evening, striking about 7:15 o'clock. The storm came from the southwest, the rain falling in torrents, with dashes of hail, and continuing with unabated fury for almost half an hour. Two separate rain storms passed over Chickasha, the first, almost a water spout, falling at the hour above named, at which time the precipitation amounted to 33 hundredths of an inch, and the last rainfall coming about 10 o'clock, when the precipitation was 57 hundredths of an inch, making the total rainfall for this immediate territory one and one-half inches.

Covering a scope of about two miles in each direction, hail fell heavily for several minutes. The hail damaged early gardens and cut up the young corn on the farms to a considerable extent. Agricultural Agent O. C. Cooper stated this morning that he had been out over the hail belt and had telephoned to different parts of the county, seeking information as to the extent of the damage. Mr. Cooper said that he believed the damage would be very light. He said that the gardens would suffer heavier than anything else; that the young corn, while badly beaten, would grow out of the injury and that the wheat, oats and barley were not injured.

Reports from different sections state that the rainfall was heaviest in the south and southwestern sections of the county; that the precipitation gradually decreased from Chickasha north, until at Minco there was a good rain without accompanying wind or hail.

West of Chickasha for a distance of two miles, the hail was the heaviest, while a heavy fall of the frozen stones passed through the southern part of Chickasha. The rain extended only about four miles west.

The wind storm did more damage in Chickasha than any where else. The Barton Brothers garage was partially unroofed, but this damage, is said to have been due more to the great weight of water which accumulated upon the roof, and which the overflow spouts were inadequate of handling, than to the wind.

The Barton Brothers garage is in a building located on Kansas avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and is 50x165 feet in dimensions. J. H. Griffin, owner of the building, stated this morning that fully three feet of water was standing upon the roof at the time of the partial collapse. Mr. Griffin stated that lightning struck the down spout, tearing it from the building and causing forty feet of the wall to crumple, carrying with it the roof for forty feet. The west wall of the building was not injured further than the top which was carried away with the falling girders. He estimates this damage at \$1,000. No insurance. Barton Brothers stated this morning that their contract with Mr. Griffin carries protection for all autos stored in their garage in case of accident of such a nature as that Saturday evening.

The airplane at Fifth and Chickasha avenue, was demolished, a part of the fence being blown outward along Chickasha avenue. It was stated at the city hall this morning that notice had been served upon the owner of the airplane to have the same torn away and removed. This notice was served before the storm as the structure was considered both unsightly and unsafe.

The Chickasha Cotton Compress company was also a heavy sufferer from the wind storm. A section of shedding roof over the main cotton

platform was torn loose and blown off. Manager Caneman stated this morning that the damage to the compress company would approximate \$1,000.

One of the freaks of the wind consisted in the unroofing of a merchandise car which was standing on the Rock Island tracks at the company's freight house. The wind seemed to sweep into the opening between the freight house and the adjoining buildings, lift the roof from the car and go on its way without doing further damage.

A barn and granary on the S. H. Holcomb farm, four miles northwest of Chickasha, was fired by lightning. The barn was filled with grain and hay and was reported to be still burning yesterday afternoon. Councilman Linn, who drove by the Holcomb farm yesterday afternoon, stated that this is the third structure which the owner has lost from lightning during the past three years.

Wind and rain also played havoc with the lighting system of the city. No poles were blown down, but the short-circuiting of the wires put the entire general electric current out of commission for the greater part of the night. This damage came with the first storm; when the second storm came at 10 o'clock the incandescent circuit was knocked out while whole blocks of houses were thrown in darkness through the burning out of transformers. Manager Shaffer stated this morning that the damage was fortunately remarkably light, that no poles were blown down and the only expense incurred in straightening out the matter was for labor.

The Pioneer Telephone company had a number of phones in the city put out of commission, no poles down, but a number of the country lines were put out of the running.

30 TRACTS OF INDIAN LAND SOLD

One of the most successful Indian land sales in this section was held in Chickasha Saturday when 30 tracts lying in Grady, Stephens, Jefferson and Garvin counties were disposed of at prices higher than ever before known.

A total of approximately 5,000 acres was sold, the sale being conducted under the supervision of Field Clerk Lowe, assisted by Supervising Field Clerk Tidwell and Mr. Thornston, representing the cashier's department with headquarters at Muskogee.

Of the lands sold, six tracts are located in Grady county, nine in Stephens county, seven in Jefferson, three in Garvin county, and one in McClain county. The highest price paid was a trifle over \$16 per acre, the lowest price paid was \$7 per acre. The highest priced tract consisted of 39 acres situated adjoining the city of Duncan, which brought \$4,825, selling for \$1,065 more than the appraisement.

Mr. Lowe stated this morning that Saturday's sale was the best sale ever held in this district, many buyers being here from other states. Among those here from other states who purchased lands were parties from Missouri, Kansas and New Jersey.

WILL DECORATE GRAVES OF DEAD

Tomorrow being National Decoration Day, General Joe Shelby Camp, Confederate Veterans, in conjunction with the Chickasha chapter of the U. D. C., will assemble at the city hall from where they will go to the cemetery for the purpose of decorating the graves of the "comrades gone before."

The Chickasha Daughters of the Confederacy request all owners of automobiles, who will do so to bring their cars to the city hall at 10 o'clock for the purpose of transporting the veterans to the cemetery.

Adjutant J. D. Vance, of General Joe Shelby camp, has issued the following order:

"Chickasha, Okla., May 29, '16.

"The Cemetery association will decorate the graves of deceased comrades on tomorrow. All friends will please send or bring flowers to the city hall before 10 o'clock, a. m., when we will take cars together for the cemetery."

SLAVS WILL CONTINUE STRUGGLE

President of Duma Declares Russia Will
Fight 20 Years, if Necessary, to
Compel Germany to Accept
Allies' Terms

GREEKS AROUSED BY BULGARIAN ACTION

Fire on Invaders; War Party Press Plea as
Result of Incident; Berlin and
Paris Report Attacks
Repulsed

By William Philip Simms,
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Petrograd, May 29.—Russia will fight for twenty years, if necessary, or until Germany is forced to accept the terms of peace demanded by the allies.

Michael Rodzianko, president of the Russian duma made the foregoing statement in an exclusive interview granted to the United Press today.

The head of the duma, scoffed the danger of a revolution in the czar's empire. "There is no peace party in Russia," said he. "That is a German lie."

Repulse Attacks.

By United Press.
Paris, May 29.—Two violent German attacks from the Cobenz woods east of Cumieres were completely repulsed in a battle that was fought for five hours last night. It was stated by the war office this morning.

Close in on Germans.

By United Press.
London, May 29.—The British forces are closing in on two sides against the Germans in East Africa, according to reports received here.

Dispatches say the last German colony is about to fall into the hands of the British. General Northey has marched twenty miles into the German territory. It is stated.

Greek-Bulgar Clash.

By United Press.
London, May 29.—A Greek detachment from Fort Rupert, incensed at Bulgaria's invasion, fired upon the Bulgarians before evacuating the fortress.

Brisk fighting between the Greeks and Bulgarians has been reported from several points. It is reported the Bulgarians entered Fort Rupert before the time set for evacuation. The Greeks fired upon them and the fire was returned, the Greeks withdrawing, however, before serious casualties resulted.

It is the general belief that the Bulgarians, numbering 25,000, have occupied Fort Rupert, Dragotina and Spatova as a defensive measure. "Ex-Prænder Venizelos is pleading and the war party is using the invasion as a lever to force Greece to enter the combat by aiding the allies."

By United Press.
Berlin, May 29.—The war office has announced the repulse of two French attacks last night near Comieres, with violent artillery duelling on both sides of the Meuse.

MINCO SCHOOL CLOSSES.

The class of 1915-16 of the Minco school entertained the patrons and friends of the school in an elaborate manner Friday evening. The "class play" was the feature of the evening's entertainment which was enjoyed by several hundred citizens of Minco and vicinity. Following the play, fifteen eighth-grade diplomas were awarded. County Superintendent Shepard making the presentation speech. The evening closed with an interesting talk upon educational matters by J. W. Morgan, superintendent of the Minco schools.

LYLE SHIPS HOGS.

R. A. Lyle has made arrangements to ship a carload of hogs to Oklahoma City this evening over the Rock Island. There will be about 600 head, averaging around 250 pounds.

WOMEN OF WAR-DESOLATED MONTENEGRO



A group of women of the little kingdom of Montenegro, garbed in their quaint national costume. These women have borne more than their share of war's desolation and ruin, and many of them have followed their husbands who are fighting in the ranks, some of them even enlisting and fighting shoulder to shoulder with their male relatives.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Deputy Dan Snell, of Sheriff Bailey's force, brought four prisoners to the county jail this morning charged with a burglary committed in Tuttle last night.

The prisoners are Monford and Doc Paakey, and Nel Higgins and Bert Walden. They are charged with having broken into a restaurant owned and operated in the town of Tuttle by J. F. Childress, and carrying off one keg of cider. Entrance to the building was obtained through a front window. Deputy Snell took the track, left by the auto in which the defendants are alleged to have ridden and traced the defendants to the home of the Paakeys, seven miles east of Tuttle. Upon his arrival at the Paakey house Deputy Snell found the cider and the parties for whom he was looking.

The cider keg had not been opened and the defendants were in bed asleep when the officer arrived at the house. The Paakeys are said to be grown men, while Higgins and Walden are each boys under age. The defendants will be arraigned before Judge T. P. Moore this afternoon.

BOOM FOR HUGHES IS LAUNCHED

By United Press.
Chicago, May 29.—The Hughes presidential boom was launched in earnest when Frank Hitchcock, former chairman of the Republican national committee, now chief Hughes booster, arrived here, coming for the purpose of looking after Hughes' interests.

"Hughes is the man to beat Wilson," said Hitchcock. Hitchcock also stated that Hughes would accept the nomination.

While no headquarters for Hughes have yet been opened it is understood his friends will have representation here acting in conjunction with Hitchcock. It is also given out that Governor Whitman, of New York, will nominate Hughes. Chairman Hillis, of the Republican committee, declares there will be no Republican split at the convention.

IN COUNTY COURT.

The following probate matters were disposed of by Judge Davenport in the county court this morning: Final report of Mary K. Norton, administratrix of the estate of George D. Norton, deceased, received and filed.

Letters of guardianship granted to C. V. Stincham as guardian of James Strong, a minor.

Letters of guardianship granted to R. S. Osborne, as guardian of the estate of Carl S. Addiddle, a minor.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Tuesday, fair high temperature.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 86; minimum, 68.
Rain Saturday night 1 1/2 inch.

RAILROAD KING HAS LAST CALL

James J. Hill Succumbs Following Operation;
Began Career Fifty Years
Ago as Penniless Clerk and
Made Many Millions

By United Press.
St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—James J. Hill, railroad king, empire builder and captain of industry, is dead.

The famous financier succumbed early today, following an operation that was performed last Saturday in the hope of saving his life.

As the builder of great railroad systems that spanned the northwest from St. Paul to Seattle, and steamships that carried the products of this region to the Orient, Mr. Hill won his way to a place of the highest prominence in American business and industry, wielding an influence that was scarcely second to that of the "Kings of Wall Street."

Relatives of the dead financier rushed from New York and Washington on special trains. One special train ran a mile a minute from Chicago, carrying a rare sedative drug, but arriving too late for the drug to be used in two operations as a result of dental infection which caused death.

Fifty years ago Hill began as a penniless dock clerk in St. Paul, later became a railroad clerk and then developed the great empire of the northwest through building railroads.

Great demonstrations are planned here and at every railroad point in the northwest in honor of the memory of Hill. His wealth was estimated at many millions, much of it being invested in Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington stock.

WILL PRESS REQUEST OF CARRANZA

By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., May 29.—Gen. Gaviira is expected to further urge the withdrawal of the American troops in his coming conference with Gen. Pershing.

It is expected that Gaviira will make the suggestion more pointed than heretofore by calling attention to the concentration of Carranzistas in Chihuahua.

The date of the conference is unsettled. It will probably be held at Casas Grandes. Gaviira will be Carranza's mouthpiece.

Reports Conflict.

By United Press.
Mexico City, May 29.—According to conflicting reports an eight thousand word message has been sent to President Wilson by Carranza and no formal communication of any kind has been dispatched to Washington.

Officials declined today to comment on such reports but the newspapers here had information from some source to the effect that they will be given the text of the note tomorrow.

FLIPPO FOR CONSTABLE

John H. Flippo announces as a candidate for re-election to the office of constable of the township composed of the city of Chickasha and its immediate surrounding territory.

Constable Flippo is now rounding out his second term as a peace officer in this township. He is the present constable in Judge T. P. Moore's court.

Mr. Flippo is a native of the state of Alabama, but has been a resident of this section of Oklahoma, coming here in the old Indian territory days, for twenty-four years. He has lived in Chickasha for nineteen years; is a Chickasha property owner and consequently has interests closely identified with the interests of the city. He has made the people an efficient and a faithful officer, always being found ready to perform his duty and to aid in the enforcement of the laws of the land. He feels that his record as a public servant is clear and asks the voters of Chickasha township to re-elect him, promising that, should he be again elected, he will discharge the duties of his office as faithfully in the future as he has in the past.

PREPARE FINE FEED FOR MEN

Speeches punctuated with patriotism and fun will feature the banquet of the Men's Dinner club Tuesday evening, May 30, Decoration Day. Every diner is expected to take a flag with him. The big do's will begin at 8 o'clock at the Early hotel where preparations for the feed are now in progress. The menu will be as follows:

Chicken a la Couda
Fresh Radishes
Celery Branches
Queen Olives
Braised Tenderloin Steak, a la Stanley
Hashed Browned Potatoes
Asparagus Tips
Peas in Cream
French Crust Rolls
Chicken Salad
Strawberry Short Cake, a la mode
Roquefort Cheese
Salted Wafers
Tea
Coffee
Milk

HELD ON FELONY CHARGE.

Sonny Smith, the young negro who has been repeatedly arrested on minor charges, stands a good show of working for the state for a few years. This morning Sonny was arraigned before Judge T. P. Moore charged with burglarizing and stealing 11 sacks of flour from a Rock Island car in the Chickasha railway yards on the night of April 27. In default of \$1,500 bonds Sonny was remanded to jail where he stated to the sheriff's officers he wished to enter a plea of guilty and "take his medicine" just as soon as Judge Linn could entertain his plea.

BEGINS HARVEST TODAY.

R. A. (Boh) Lyle began this morning harvesting one hundred acres of barley. Agent Cooper, who recently visited the Lyle farm, stated this morning that this is one of the few barley crops which survived the rigors of the past severe winter and says that the yield will be good.

BOOZE RAID IS STAGED IN ALABAMA

Special Train, Loaded with Militia, Sneaks
into Wet Spot Where Festive Boot-
leggers Defy Dry Law and
Things Happen

PRYING REPORTER IS MADE CAPTIVE

"Oscar" Butts into Expedition and is
Marooned Till Destination Reached;
Liquor Seized by Soldiers
by Wholesale

(By J. Edwin Pool.)
Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—(by mail.)—I have just returned from Columbus, Ga., and while there I witnessed some sights that brought to my mind certain booze raids in Chickasha, that have gone down in history as more or less famous, because of the quantity of stuff captured, the notoriety of the alleged owner or vender of said "licker" or the fame of the officers making the catch.

Immediately across the river from Columbus is the village of Girard, Ala., located in Russell county, which county the people of Alabama do not include in the "great commonwealth of Alabama" when speaking of the state. It is always, "Alabama and Russell county," said distinction being drawn because some choose to speak of that territory including and surrounding Girard as the "worst county in the United States." The time was when Girard boasted of some of the biggest and most prosperous wholesale liquor houses outside of Peoria, Ill., or Jacksonville, Fla., and the present trouble that has brought several companies of Alabama's militia to Girard was caused by the fact that even after a landslide by the "prohibitionists" some of those same dealers continued to ply their trade.

Special Train Sailed.
The other night a special train rolled into Girard. It must have been much like a battle cruiser sneaking into a hostile port. There was an engine and one coach in that special. It sailed from Montgomery and aboard the lone coach were some half a hundred individuals representing the strong arm of the law. All lights were extinguished as the train rolled through the streets and as street after street was passed, the officers swung from the steps in twos and threes. Incidentally, there was one captive aboard that train. He was an enterprising newspaper reporter who, having got wind of the special in Montgomery, sought news from one of the officers. Having displayed too much knowledge regarding the expedition, he was loaded onto the train and allowed to go on his way, only after the Girard stop was made. Meanwhile neither his family nor the paper employing him knew of his whereabouts.

At an appointed hour, things began to happen in Girard and they have been happening ever since with a regularity that threatens to make pawns of most of the citizenship of Russell county. The first place raided by the officers was near the river front and yielded a total catch of \$50,000 worth of whisky. Camped a few miles out of town were two companies of state militia. The afternoon of the first day they were called into town and have held the village under martial law since then.

Booze in Bank.
The raiders have made steady progress and hardly a business house has escaped. The local bank was raided and in an upstairs room whiskey to the amount of \$3,500 was found. It was reported that in Mayor Morgan's home, or on his premises, \$3,500 worth of the fiery fluid was unearthed. The mayor, it is said, got cheery and ordered two of a number of special police appointed by him, to arrest a couple of soldiers on a charge of exceeding their authority. News reached headquarters and the soldiers' captain immediately with a small squad rounded up special police, procured the jail keys from them, released his "Dough boys" and locked the mayor's "specials" behind the bars, taking charge.

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